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WEATHER  
Western Union Tel Co  
Cloudy and cold  
er tonight.

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### STOCKS FLUCTUATE VIOLENTLY AS NEWS OF PEACE PROPOSAL IS NOISED ABOUT

ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS ARE  
ECLIPSED ON NEW YORK  
EXCHANGE.

### WHEAT PRICES CRASH DOWN

COTTON AGAIN CLIMBS UP, WITH  
SHARP ADVANCE OF 27 TO 28  
POINTS.

(International News Service.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—The wild-  
est scenes yet enacted on the  
stock exchange since Germany  
made her peace proposals to Eng-  
land, occurred today. Selling to-  
talled near the three million share  
mark.

Following a sharp advance this  
morning on receipt of news of  
President Wilson's peace propos-  
als, cotton slumped sensationally  
on later developments and closed  
126 points below opening quotat-  
ions. The drop was equivalent  
to about \$6 a bale.

(International News Service.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—The violence  
of the fluctuations in the initial trading  
on the stock exchange eclipsed all  
previous records.

Wide openings were made in many  
stocks today, with the first sales of  
United States Steel common fixed at  
50,000 shares from 104 1/2 to 105 1/2.

There were wide openings also in  
marine common and many other is-  
sues. The heaviest was in Atlantic  
Gulf & West Indies, which dropped 13  
points to 93, followed by a rally to  
100.

(International News Service.)  
Chicago, Dec. 21.—President Wil-  
son's message on peace sent traders  
in wheat to the pit with selling or-  
ders today and as a result prices  
dropped with a crash.

(International News Service.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—Peace talk was  
the only factor at the opening of the  
cotton exchange, being reflected in  
a strong tone with advances of 27 to 38  
points on the call. There was a good  
general demand led by Wall Street  
and up-town interests.

### Decatur Ice Cream Co. Has Pretty Calendar

One of the prettiest calendars of  
the season is that gotten out by the  
Decatur Ice Cream Company. Man-  
ager Clifton presented a number of  
these attractive souvenirs to local  
business men yesterday afternoon,  
and left one at the Daily office. The  
illustration is that of an unusually  
attractive woman, clad in white and  
reposing upon the green beside a lake  
dotted with lilies and under the  
boughs of a great live oak tree. The  
recumbent figure is brought out with  
remarkable clearness by a mellow  
light that breaks through from the  
setting sun.

### POPULATION OF U. S. IS ESTIMATED 112,444,620

### New York Largest City, With Five and Half Million Residents. Chicago is Second

(International News Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 21.—The entire  
population of the United States and  
its territorial possessions approxi-  
mates 112,444,620, according to a table  
of estimates given out today by the  
government census bureau. The  
United States proper was 102,017,312.  
Steady, and in some cases marvelous,  
growth of large cities is seen in the  
bureau estimates. There has been a  
regular drift from the country to the  
city, despite the various "back to the  
soil" movements.

### OBSERVERS NEAR MONASTIR



Two observers of the allies in the  
mountains north of Monastir watching  
the movements of the Bulgarian troops  
which had been driven from that  
Serbian city.

### DRY FORCES WIN NOTABLE VICTORY

(International News Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 21.—The  
"dry" forces won another notable  
victory in congress today when  
the senate judiciary committee  
voted 13 to 3 to recommend the  
adoption of the Sheppard resolution  
proposing to submit a con-  
stitutional amendment for nation-  
wide prohibition to the states.

### Local Cases Before the Supreme Court

Several North Alabama cases were  
decided yesterday by the court of  
appeals. The cases are as follows:  
Son Burt vs. the State of Alabama,  
from Morgan county law and equity  
court; application overruled.  
Jim Willis vs. the State of Alabama  
from Morgan county law and equity  
court; reversed and remanded.  
Celia Stewart, claimant, vs. the  
State of Alabama, from Cullman county  
circuit court; appeal dismissed.

### Dog, Thought to Have Been Mad, Sent Away

The head of a dog, thought to have  
been mad, killed on West Church  
street, has been sent to Montgomery  
for examination at the Pasteur In-  
stitute. The dog is said to have at-  
tempted to bite several children of  
the neighborhood and it was killed.

### STATE OPENS CASE AGAINST RUSSELL; SANITY FIGHT WILL COME IN REBUTTAL

JURY IS COMPLETED AND INTRO-  
DUCTION OF TESTIMONY IS  
BEGUN.

### RUSSELL IS UNPRETURBED

NONCHALANTLY LIGHTS CIGAR-  
ETTE AND SMOKES IN THE  
COURT ROOM.

The state began its introduc-  
tion of witnesses against William  
Russell, accused of murdering his  
wife as she prepared his Thanks-  
giving dinner at their home near  
Woodland Mills, in the law and  
equity court this afternoon.

The jury was completed when court  
adjourned for lunch. It is composed  
of William E. Knight, Lacon; Frank  
Yates, Falkville, route 2; John F.  
Lovin, Decatur; Robert Nebrig, Al-  
bany, J. Woody Brown, Hartselle,  
route 2; George W. Brown, Falkville,  
route 1; Herman Sandlin, Albany,  
route 2; Turner Livingston, Hartselle,  
route 2; Julius Brown, Falkville,  
route 2; Cliff H. Chuan, Albany, route  
2; Harvey Hamilton, Eva, route 1;  
Charles Barnett, Hartselle, route 3.

J. E. Helms was the first witness  
called and was followed by Zed Luck-  
er and D. G. Lucker. Testimony was  
introduced to show Russell was seen  
immediately after the killing, with  
something that resembled a weapon  
in his hand. The state is attempting  
to show that the defendant slew his  
wife and will rest when it thinks that  
has been established, according to  
Solicitor Melvin Hutson.

The fight over the sanity of the de-  
fendant will come when the defense  
begins the introduction of its wit-  
nesses and the state opens in rebut-  
tal. The defense may introduce testi-  
mony also in sur-rebuttal.

The state has called 62 witnesses,  
while the defense has summoned 30.  
The case probably will last the re-  
mainder of the week. Among the wit-  
nesses called by the defense is Judge  
William E. Skeggs, who probably will  
testify regarding the sanity of the de-  
fendant.

The morning session was taken up  
with drawing a jury. Court opened  
shortly after 9 o'clock and the de-  
fense asked to be allowed to introduce  
a showing from two witnesses, who  
were unable to appear in court. One  
of them lives in Texas.

The showing was prepared by At-  
torneys Sample and Smith and was  
admitted by the state, with legal ex-  
ceptions.

The showing of witness Volney  
Roife, of Texas, declared he lived at  
the Russell home some time prior to  
the killing, and that Russell acted  
very strangely at times. On one oc-  
casion, the showing said, the defend-  
ant told the witness of supposed do-  
mestic difficulties and that he would  
have to kill his father. On another,  
the showing said, Russell declared  
members of his wife's family had at-  
tempted to poison him.

### He Looked Insane.

Roy May, whose testimony was in-  
troduced by a showing, said he drove  
the automobile in which Russell was  
brought to Decatur early in Novem-  
ber by his father to be committed to  
the insane asylum. He said Russell  
acted and looked insane.

Following the admission of the af-  
firmative, Judge Wert immediately called  
the jurors. Sixty men were sum-  
moned on the special venire and 49  
remained from the regular jurors,  
giving the court 100 men to choose  
from.

The court room was crowded al-  
most to capacity this morning. The  
prominence of the family of the de-  
fendant has attracted widespread at-  
tention to the case. Russell sat with  
members of his family near his

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## President's Peace Proposal Causes A Great Sensation In Great Britain

### MULES AS MUNITION TRANSPORTS



Scene on the western front, showing shells being rushed to the lines on  
backs of mules, the roads being virtual quagmires.

## LLOYD GEORGE PLANS TO PACIFY IRELAND

### May Also Place the Ban Upon Alcoholic Beve- rages Throughout the United Kingdom

(International News Service.)  
London, Dec. 21.—That the Lloyd  
George government has determined  
upon a scheme for the pacification of  
Ireland is indicated by developments  
of the past 24 hours.

Following the interpellation of  
Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for  
Ireland in the house of commons last  
night, it was predicted by the news-  
papers today that a majority of the  
Irish prisoners interned after the  
Sean Fein rebellion will be released  
immediately.

### HOBSON LEADS "DRYS" FIGHT

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Richmond P.  
Hobson, former congressman from  
Alabama, leased a residence in Evans-  
ton today and announced he would de-  
voted his efforts for the next three  
years to an anti-liquor fight in Chi-  
cago and Illinois.

The state-wide fight was decided  
upon today by the Anti-Saloon Leag-  
ue. The "Dry Chicago Federation"  
has elected Mr. Hobson director.

### Daniel Cupid Again Gets Busy in Morgan

Christmas sale of marriage licenses  
in Morgan county has taken an unex-  
pected jump. After sleeping on the  
job more than a week, Sir Daniel  
Cupid, mythical ruler of hearts and  
destines, has gotten busy and the fol-  
lowing licenses have been issued  
since yesterday:

E. D. Stidham to Miss Elsie V. G.  
Hains; Addie F. Reynolds to Miss  
Lucy Wetson Taylor; Thomas O. Rat-  
liff to Miss Elizabeth Mosely; Frank  
S. Cowert to Miss Loretta Huckabee;  
S. F. Coffey to Miss Minnie Compton;  
Fred L. Thompson to Miss Ruby  
Call.

### 200 INJURED IN STREET CAR CRASH

Pittsburgh, Dec. 21.—A score of per-  
sons were seriously injured and more  
than 200 less seriously hurt when an  
Ardmore street car crashed into the  
trailer of another car at "Edgewood  
Acres" today.

### Christmas Playlet to Be Given at Church

A Christmas cantata will be given  
at the West-aster church Sunday  
night, Dec. 24, at 7:30 o'clock, by the  
members of the Sunday school.

Scene 1. Excerpt: Ruth Har-  
tung, Ruth, a child, Mary Jarvis,  
Esther, a child, Alma Hartung, Sam-  
uel, a child, Sanders, Corner.

Scene 2. Children's Chorus: Christ-  
mas Chimes, quartet. Christmas  
Herald, D. R. Clark.

Scene 3. Simon Mr. Thucman.  
Scene 4. Christmas Star, Shep-  
herds, D. R. Johnson, Mr. Ditto, Mr.  
H. Wyatt.

Scene 5. King Herod, D. C. Ver-  
lers; Serphe Henry Hartung; quartet.

Scene 6. Three Wise Men, Mr.  
Graber, Mr. Dillshay, Mr. Ellis; Heed,  
Shepherds, Children's Chorus.

Scene 7. A McTier, Mrs. Harry  
Wyatt; Her Little Boy, Clyde J.

Johnson; Eagerheart and Childred.

Scene 8. Grand Climax, all.  
Manager, Jerry Clark.

Managers of Music, Mrs. Jerry  
Clark and Miss Joann.

Special solo, Mrs. A. A. Hardage.

Organist, Mrs. E. B. Pickens.

### Unexpected Action of American Executive Has Thrown Power of All Neutral Nations Behind Movement to End War

### POPE EXPECTED TO JOIN WITH PRESIDENT

### Central Powers Agree to Leave All Negotiations in the Hands of German Chancellor and Emperor

#### TODAY'S PEACE DEVELOPMENTS.

Official and diplomatic circles express hopeful views that Presi-  
dent Wilson's note will open negotiations for peace conference.

Secretary Lansing explains the note was made necessary in self  
defense as the defiance of our rights by all belligerents was forcing  
the United States closer and closer to war.

The secretary said if the note did not make for peace it was cer-  
tain that should the United States be driven into war on either side,  
that act would have great influence toward shortening the conflict.

Every ambassador and minister in Washington called on Secretary  
Lansing and learned the latest views of President Wilson.

Hitchcock introduced a resolution in the senate, endorsing the  
peace note, but on objection of Senator Borah it went over.

The note is expected to be delivered in Berlin and Petrograd be-  
fore nightfall.

President Wilson will "mark time" pending receipt of a reply  
from the belligerents.

#### (International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—The world's scales today were trembling in the  
balance. They moved slightly toward the side of peace. Whether the  
weight of President Wilson's frank appeal will swing them sufficiently  
to insure the ending of Europe's dreadful war, only time will tell.

But here in the national capital there was a spirit of hopefulness that  
has been utterly absent since August, 1914, and this hopefulness per-  
meated official and diplomatic circles alike. It was freely admitted that  
the American note has put squarely up to the belligerents the honesty of  
their professions.

President Wilson has demanded that they tell what they are fight-  
ing for and on what basis they will make peace. The announcement  
of the executive's action, came to official and diplomatic Washington like a  
bolt from a clear sky. He had been expected to make some move, pos-  
sibly to offer mediation, but no one had anticipated that he would use the  
justification of all the belligerents of their positions as an argument  
against them and for an early ending of the war.

As a result the offices of the state department were crowded today  
with diplomats, representatives of belligerents and neutrals, all anxious  
to get at first hand from Secretary Lansing what it all meant and how  
much farther the United States might go. They were all told very frank-  
ly by the secretary that this latest move of the president's was, one in  
self defense. The United States is being drawn nearer into the war, its  
citizens have been killed in cold blood, its property rights have been in-  
fringed and its influence as a world power flouted with insulting fre-  
quency, and this was made plain to the diplomats by the American pre-  
mier and he also made it emphatically plain to them as he also did to news-  
paper questioners, that President Wilson does not intend to allow it to  
go on.

The secretary said:  
"It was not so much our material interest that we considered but  
the fact that more and more of our rights have been invaded by the bel-  
ligerents on both sides. It now has become so intolerable that it cannot  
go on much longer. I mean by that that we are drawing nearer and  
nearer to the verge of war ourselves. Therefore, we are entitled to know  
what each belligerent seeks in order that we can regulate our conduct  
in the future."

He was asked point blank whether he believed that the note will end  
the war. For a moment he paused, then he said: "It is possible that it  
may not, but there is this that I can say: If this government were to be  
forced into the war on one side or the other, it would prove a very po-  
tent factor toward ending the war."

No nation had been previously sounded as to its views by President  
Wilson in preparing this note.

#### (International News Service.)

London, Dec. 21.—The peace situa-  
tion has entered a new phase with the  
intervention of President Wilson.

News that the American president  
has sent a note to the belligerent  
powers suggesting that they state the  
terms which might form the basis of  
negotiations caused a sensation here.

The move of President Wilson lost  
none of its force, because it was  
written before Premier Lloyd George  
made his speech in the House of  
Commons Tuesday afternoon.

The whole weight of American in-  
fluence has now been thrown square-  
ly behind the peace movement. As  
America is the most powerful of the  
neutral powers this influence natu-  
rally is of great consequence.

Whether the Vatican will follow  
the move of President Wilson is now  
an unanswered question.

Advices from Rome, however, in-  
dicate that Pope Benedict will over-  
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## ANTI-WAR COUNCIL ALSO WANTS PEACE

### RESOLUTIONS ARE CABLED ALL BELLIGERENT GOVERNMENTS ASKING ACTION.

#### (International News Service.)

London, Dec. 21.—A dispatch from  
The Hague says: "The Netherlands  
Anti-War Council at a meeting at-  
tended by many prominent persons,  
adopted a resolution imploring the  
warring powers not to allow the pos-  
sibility of peace negotiations to pass."

It was cabled to the belligerent gov-  
ernments and sent to all foreign  
ministers at The Hague.



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## PRESIDENT WILSON TAKES THE INITIATIVE FOR PEACE.

While the news dispatches indicate that there is but little likelihood of peace at this time, it is cheerful to note that President Wilson, contrary to expectations, has summoned that sublime courage that has marked all his official acts, and has taken the initiative in an effort to get the men out of the trenches.

The president, in sending a note, suggesting an interchange of ideas as to the terms on which peace might be concluded, makes this suggestion:

That an early occasion be sought to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of such a conflict in the future, as would make it possible frankly to compare them.

Certainly there is nothing in this language that might offend the most rankerous belligerent, nothing that might embarrass this government. As the leading neutral, America must exert the strongest influence of any non-combatant power in the effort to terminate the war. President Wilson could have passed the opportunity by, but he has not. He has waited until the time for a cessation of hostilities had ripened and peace was ready to fail. Instead, he chose the sterner path of changing criticism in a laudable endeavor to shorten a sanguinary struggle that has already been unnecessarily prolonged.

The practical effect of the president's action will be to again turn the thought of the world toward peace, and that most opportunist, Lloyd George's speech in the British House of Commons had apparently driven the peace dove into retreat and had again set the dogs of war to barking. The new and unexpected action of the American executive will open the way for further parleying, and may perhaps be the means of finding out definitely whether the central powers and the allies are sincere in stating that there are terms and conditions on which they would agree to sheathe the sword.

## THE VALUE OF THE ALL-STEEL CAR.

Careful readers of newspapers will note that while the number of railroad accidents is still large, the number of casualties resulting therefrom has been minimized. Some years ago every time a fast flyer went into the ditch it meant an awfully good news story—and the word "awfully" is used advisedly. Nowadays, a half a dozen or more passenger coaches carrying hundreds of souls, will leave the track, roll down the embankment and pile up at the bottom. Yet there will be scarcely enough deaths to justify a good headline.

This improved condition is due to the general use in passenger service of all-steel cars. These cars are built to withstand shock, and when they are wrecked they do not crush like egg shells, after the fashion of the old style coaches. Their solid sides are such a protection to the occupants that but few of them lose their lives and usually only a comparatively small number sustain serious injury.

When six coaches of the Seminole Limited left the tracks yesterday while proceeding at a high rate of speed, but one life was claimed. This is the second serious passenger accident in the South within a week, yet the death toll has been unusually light. The terrible railroad catastrophes of the past will soon be but a memory, as the big public service corporations are every day paying more attention to the public welfare, and are spending more and more money to safeguard human life.

The railroads are to be congratulated on their enterprise and their humanitarianism.

## HELP THE POOR.

While the spirit of Christmas is giving, and the average American goes bankrupt in carrying the spirit to its absurd extreme, it is a peculiar fact that most of the donations

persons who can aid the donor in a business way, or have done so; to those to whom we feel under obligation or to those whom we hope to have under obligation to us.

The majority of Christmas presents represent nothing. They are sent under mental protest, are received without appreciation and as a matter of course, and are often thrown carelessly aside with some disgruntled expression of contempt.

To give to the poor and needy—which seems the big Christmas giving idea—does not appeal to the rank and file. They have little thought of the vast good that might be done by directing a part of their Christmas appropriations into channels that can offer no return; they care naught for the suffering of those who are the victims of poverty and affliction.

In Albany and Decatur there are, fortunately, but few cases of abject poverty. Yet there are many into whose lives and hearts real sunshine can be brought at the Yuletide period by a substantial remembrance. The Salvation Army is an organized medium for the distribution of wholesome Christmas gifts. The Army makes it its business to find out where steaming dinners and life-giving fuel can be placed without subjecting the community to imposition, and without wounding the feelings of unfortunates.

Make it a rule this Christmas either to aid the Army, or to seek out some individual case of want and neglect. Doing such deeds as this will bring joy and cheer not only to the recipient but to the donor as well.

## Plants That Give Heat.

We do not, as a rule, think of plants as giving out heat, yet at certain times some flowers show an astonishing rise of temperature. Most remarkable in this respect are certain kinds of arum. Just at the opening of the flower, in these cases, there is a great liberation of heat; this is due to the fact that the respiration, or breathing, is at such times very vigorous. Some very interesting experiments have been carried out in connection with these arums by means of placing a thermometer just inside the spathe. One of the most remarkable cases was that of species growing on the Mediterranean coast, and known as arum italicum. The temperature of the air was 66 degrees at the time of the experiment. That inside the spathe was 110 degrees! At that time the blossoms, which when expanded are practically scentless, gave out a fragrance suggestive of wine. It is said that plants of this type are practically common in Mexico.—St. Nicholas.

## PRISON HAS AIDED LITERATURE.

(From the London Chronicle.)  
Prison literature has many fine productions to its credit in prose as well as poetry. In his prison at Athens, Socrates completed his great argument for immortality; in a Roman dungeon Galileo made some of his greatest discoveries. In his prison in the Wartburg Castle, Luther translated the New Testament into the German language. During his 12 years in Bedford gaol, Bunyan dreamed his immortal dream of the "Pilgrim's Progress." Sir Walter Raleigh wrote his fragmentary history of the world to beguile the long years of his imprisonment in the Tower of London. Much of the New Testament also is prison literature. Some of the finest of the epistles of St. Paul were written during his imprisonment at Rome, and the book of the "Revelation of St. John" was written while he was an exile in the island prison of Patmos.

## LEMONS ARE GOOD FOR YOUR LIVER BUT LEMOLAC IS BETTER

As lemons alone act too mildly to do much good. Lemolac is made from lemons and other herb and fruit juices, and is guaranteed to contain nothing that will harm the most delicate constitution. Lemolac does not gripe, sicken or weaken, and as it is very pleasant to take it is very desirable for babies and children as well as grown people. Lemolac is sold under a positive guarantee to take the place of calomel. It acts gently but surely on your liver and does not cause you to lose time from your work. Eat what you desire while taking Lemolac. Remember your money is gladly refunded by Owl Drug Co. and Thompson Drug Store if it does not please you.

P. S.—If you forget the name spell calomel backward: la-m-e-l-o-c. (Adv.)



## THE POLICIAN

## Just In Passing

## WAS SOME PAPER.

"Tuesday's Daily was a whale," said Foster H. Pointer, Bank street business man. "I enjoyed every line of it, too. The issue was not only one of the largest on an ordinary week day Albany-Decatur have produced in several years, but it was one of the most readable. It was jammed with news and features. I liked it very much and will be glad when our cities grow sufficiently to support a big paper every day."

## WHICH IS BETTER?

"Which is better, when you have unfinished work to do when the day ends, to come back that night, or to wait until the next morning and come down early," said Johnnie Wagner. "It is an interesting question that has been discussed widely, but I suppose after all it is just the personal preference of the person that will get the most efficiency, rather than any set rule. However, I got down to work at 3:30 this morning, just because I did not want to work last night."

## ENTERTAINMENT FOR SCHOOL.

"The School Improvement Association is planning to have the College Girls here in February for the benefit of the Albany schools," said Mrs. W. R. Shelton. "The organization will appear in a number of dances in costumes and we hope to have a large crowd. The Association is planning other methods of accomplishing the best work possible for the local educational institutions."

## TO RENDER EASTER PROGRAM.

"The Music Study Club will render a special program near Easter," said Mrs. E. W. Godbey. "We are working on it now and will be ready to announce some of its features soon. We plan to make it a public affair and feel there will be a hearty response on behalf of the citizens of Albany-Decatur."

## ANOTHER CANTATA PLANNED.

"I hope the public will not confuse the program to be presented at the Westminster Presbyterian church December 24, with the one to be given on New Year's eve," said Miss Ruth Hartung. "The one on Christmas eve really is a little playlet, while the one on December 31 is a song service. The public has been invited to both."

## PROUD OF ALABAMA.

"Whenever a student from the North at Columbia hears somebody say 'yonder,' he immediately wants to know what part of the South he is from," said William Kimbrough, who is spending the holidays with his parents here. He is attending Columbia University, New York City. "When I first went up there, they asked me, 'I told them Alabama, and I was proud of it, too.'"

## STATE OPENS CASE AGAINST RUSSELL.

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counsel's table and appeared to be little perturbed by the trial.

## Defendant Smokes.

While his attorneys were busy preparing showings for two absent witnesses, he approached a deputy sheriff and asked if he could smoke. The deputy told him he could until court was opened again.

He nonchalantly lighted a cigarette and then went back to his chair. Attorney Earl Smith, prominent member of the Huntsville bar, is associated with John Sample, of Huntsville, in the defense. Callahan & Harris, of Decatur, are assisting Solicitor Melvin Hutson in the prosecution of the case.

## ALONE



Won't Stanz—I've often been on the road and found myself without a home.

De Roads—Did the freight train pull out when you weren't looking.

## THE POLICIAN



"The business of a politician is—'Is what?'"  
"Is made up of workin' hard to get the public to notice him an' den tryin' to git back under cover."

## EXPERT TESTIMONY.



Actress—What do you mean by saying in your paper that I am about to start out on a "starving tour" when I told you distinctly that it was to be a "starring tour?"  
Editor—I was an actor myself once, and I know how it is myself.

## THEIR FIRST QUARREL



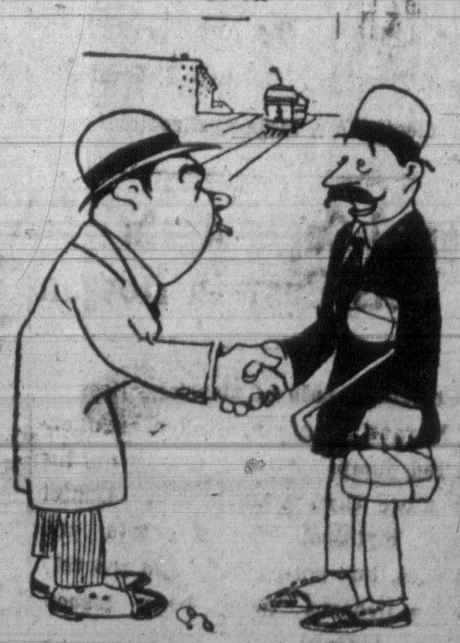
Mr. Newed—Was there any fool in love with you before I married you?  
Mrs. Newed—Yes, one.  
Mr. Newed—I'm sorry you rejected him.  
Mrs. Newed—I didn't; I married him.

## A BIG DIFFERENCE



She—But people used to say he was ill-bred and vulgar.  
He—But he's inherited a million, and they only call him eccentric now.

## O. K.



"How's everything at your house?"  
"She's all right, thank you."

## Strangers get your social rating

from your calling cards. See the line of engraved cards for men and women at the Daily office. We keep up with

## MADE TO LAST A LIFETIME

Brazilian Ship Hammocks. Not Only Things of Beauty But Designed to Give Long Service.

The passenger capacity of the vessels, such as we know, is limited by the number of berths and staterooms the ship contains, but there is no such limitation in vessels that ply along the Amazon river. Staterooms are a superfluity in them, for they are never used except by the few foreign travelers to dress in.

The passenger capacity of the Brazilian vessel depends upon the hanging-room for hammocks on the vessel's deck. Everybody must have a hammock, for the staterooms are unbearable at night. The Brazilian hammock is a thing of beauty, and is costly, too. The best of them cost anywhere from \$100 to \$500. Those made of maqueira grass, with feather lace trimmings, are deemed the best. It takes several months to make a first-class hammock. The feather work is artistic and very clearly put together. The feathers are all in the natural colors, taken from birds of most brilliant plumage. The Indians on the upper Rio Negro enjoy a great reputation for this kind of work.

These hammocks will last a lifetime, although they may be in use every day, and washed once a month. The most common kind of hammock is of German manufacture, made of cotton and very cheap. These are warm and exclude drafts of air. The best cotton ones are of native-grown cotton and are made in Macaibo. The grass hammocks are much cooler than any bed, as they let in the night breezes through their loosely woven meshes.

## WHEN LOOKING FOR GAS LEAK

Some Safety Rules Which May Do Away With Necessity of Engaging Services of Undertaker.

Here is a set of standard instructions for persons who notice gas in their rooms:

If the smell of gas is strong, first ventilate the room.  
Then examine the keys to the fixtures, stove or other appliances. One of them may be partly open.

If a fixture or connection is broken be sure your windows are raised; then go to the nearest phone and notify the gas company.

After notification try to putty up the leak or close it with any substance that will make an effective plug.  
Never look for a leak with a match or any flame, lantern or lamp.

If you find a person overcome by the gas, throw up the windows, drag the unconscious one to the open air and then telephone a physician.

After telephoning the physician, telephone the gas company and tell of the accident. Most companies now own pulmometers. It is an appliance for pumping gas out of a person's lungs and injecting pure air in its stead. This is an invaluable aid to the doctor.

## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

State of Alabama, Morgan County.

Probate Court, Dec. 8, 1916.

Estate of Harry W. Preston, Minor.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that Marvin West as guardian of the estate of Harry W. Preston, a minor, has filed his accounts and vouchers for the final settlement of his guardianship of said estate and that the 1st day of January, 1917, has been set as the day for hearing such settlement, at which time you can appear and contest said settlement.

WM. E. SKEGGS,  
D 8-15-22 Judge of Probate

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### Ancients Labeled Food Products

Labels were found among specimens of ancient Hebrew writing in the city of Samaria. They were employed as seals on wine and oil jars. They set forth the year in which the wine was deposited in the cellars and they state the vineyard whence the wine came. The wine was deposited in what was practically a government storehouse. On the oil jars the label reads, "A Jar of Pure Oil," with the name of the district producing it. These records, some seventy-five in number, pertain to the period of King Ahab, who lived about 1,000 years ago. The names appearing in the inscriptions indicate that not only the king himself, but many other men, stored their wines and oils in their warehouse.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

State of Alabama, Morgan County. In the Chancery Court of Said County. John L. Brock vs. E. H. Price, et al. In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of complainant, that the defendants, E. H. Price and Jennie Price are non-residents of the state of Alabama, and that their particular place of residence is Atoka, Oklahoma, and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the defendants are over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in the Albany-Decatur Daily, a newspaper published in the County of Morgan, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said E. H. Price and Jennie Price to plead, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 1st day of January, 1917, or in thirty days thereafter a decree pro confesso may be taken against them in said cause.

Done at office in Decatur, Alabama, this 1st day of December, 1916.  
MARVIN WEST,  
D. 2-9-16-23 Register.

### Application for Registration of Marks & Brands of Milk Bottles Belong- ing to Decatur Ice Cream Co., Inc.

I, J. W. Clifton, president of Decatur Ice Cream Co., a corporation, located at 703 Bank street, Decatur, Ala., hereby make application to Judge of Probate of Morgan county for registration of Marks and Brands on Milk Bottles described below, viz: Glass bottles of one pint capacity with letter "D" molded in side of bottle.

Glass bottles of one pint capacity with monogram containing letters "D. I. C." molded in side of bottle. Glass bottles of one pint capacity with name, Decatur Ice Cream Co., Decatur, Ala., molded in side of bottle.

Also bottles of one quart and one-half pint capacity marked same as pint bottles described above. Witness our hands and seals this 6th day of December, 1916.

DECATUR ICE CREAM CO.  
(Signed)—By J. W. CLIFTON,  
President.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
MORGAN COUNTY.

I, Wm. E. Skeggs, Judge of Probate in and for said County and said State, hereby certify that J. W. Clifton, president of Decatur Ice Cream Co., whose name is signed to the foregoing application, and who is known to me acknowledged before me, on this day, that being informed of the contents of the foregoing application, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand, this 6th day of December, 1916.

WM. E. SKEGGS,  
D. 8-15-22 Judge of Probate.

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Will cure your Rheumatism Neuralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Colic, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts and Burns, Old Sores, Stings of Insects Etc. Antiseptic Anodyne, used internally and externally. Price 25c.

### WELL-CALLED EARTH STARS

Poetic Designation of the Aster on Which No One Seems to Be Able to Improve.

No one, it seems, has ever called an aster anything but an aster. Speculated scientist and tumbled peasant for once use the same language. An aster is an aster.

Away back when botanics were not thought of someone admired the purple and white delights of autumn and called them stars. Aster is the Greek word for star. No one ever improved on this designation. They are the earth stars of autumn. They are the year's last floral fulfillment. They are the completion of the cycle; solid, substantial, self-reliant, yet wonderfully beautiful. Only the freakish witch-hazel waits to bloom after the asters.

So common are the earth stars that they fail to command adequate attention. Every wild roadside is alive with them. Every pasture displays them, every woodland, every brook vale. At home in the most entrancing dell of the remote ravine lands and equally at home where the tin cans fester and rust in shameful heaps they mark the year's last effort to beautify the world.

Of asters there is an abounding variety. Commonly they are classed as purple or white; but this is absurdly superficial. Purple is no proper classification of the many shades of tinged blue which the frost-kipped fields and woods display. And even the less attractive white kinds are of many varieties.

It is well to go stargazing in autumn and to gaze downward for earth stars. All the stars are not in the vaulted firmament. We are, ourselves, earth creatures and the earth stars are more comprehensible than the stars of the sky with their sense-dulling distances and magnitude. But their message is the same, the message of life and wonder. Without wonder life would be little.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### ENGINEERING NOT HIS FORTE

How Robert Louis Stevenson Succeeded in Convincing His Father of That Fact.

Rev. Archibald Bisset, minister of Ratho for over forty years, was Robert Louis Stevenson's closest friend. Mr. Bisset's intimacy with Stevenson belonged to his early "Edinburgh days," when he was trying to become an author despite paternal opposition, and Mr. Bisset used to tell how the elder Stevenson, having got his reluctant son safely anchored in his office one day, gave him a problem to solve regarding bridge pressure, and went off to a meeting. Louis cast his eyes over the task, pulled Lewis' "Life of Goethe" out of his pocket, and applied himself to that. "Well, Louis," said the father on his return, "have you worked out that calculation?" "No," was the bored reply, "I knew that nothing depended on my doing it; I haven't the slightest curiosity as to what the pressure would be; tell me, and I will take it on your authority." The lighthouse engineer looked at his son, and then remarked slowly, "I think you'd better go home!"—Manchester Guardian.

In a noted picture exhibited not so long ago the artist, well-known for his ability to "hold up the mirror to nature," nevertheless made a curious error which he took not have committed had he taken the trouble to acquaint himself with certain habits of the beast he portrayed in that picture.

A tiger is shown slaking his thirst at a stream. The artist does not show much more than the head of the beast and it is life-sized; but he has made the blunder of burying the mouth of the creature far below the surface of the water, making it drink as one may see a horse any day drinking at a trough and not lapping up the liquid like a cat, as, of course, a tiger would. It is curious that an artist who could paint well enough to command for his picture a place on the walls of an important exhibition could make such a fundamental mistake.

Business or professional cards,  
from The Daily.

## Hermit Found Dead in the Ashes Of His Cave Home in Limestone County; He Lived 25 Years Alone

Weird Story of Singular Existence Told of by Athens People, Following Death of the Man of Mystery of North Alabama

Alone he lived, alone he died—did Limestone county's man of mystery, whose charred body was found in the ruins of his cave home, east of Athens on the Nick Davis road. The recluse was called John Hunt, when he went to Athens a quarter of a century ago and bought 25 acres of land near Athens.

He dug his home, rather than built it. Into the earth he bored and excavated a large room, over which he built a roof and called it home. In later years he added two more rooms, both underground. Hunt claimed his grandfather settled Huntsville and from the family name the city received its name.

His pathetic death last week, under mysterious circumstances brought to light the weird story of the hermit's life. Hunt had been a federal army man during the civil war and he received a pension from the government. Together with the money he received from selling a few farm products, he eked out a meagre existence.

One of the strange features of the hermit's life, now being related by

Athens people, is the fact that Hunt never sold a chicken, though he raised hundreds in the woods about his home. On the other hand, he treated them much as he would a human being. At noon he frequently rang a big bell to call them to be fed. The fowls would jump upon his shoulders and he made pets of all of them.

"They are too near and dear to me to be sold," he explained to curious visitors, who visited his dug-out by the hundreds.

The recluse treated them all with civility, but never claimed their friendship. When he first moved to Limestone, the section in which he settled had few people in it. Later it built up, but he continued to keep himself withdrawn from human companionship.

Recently, negroes passing by the hut, found only the smoking embers left. A hurried investigation was made and in the ashes the body was found. It was buried by the people of the neighborhood in the Athens cemetery.

It is declared that Hunt willed his strange home to Limestone county.

### Work of Science.

"A good fairy touched you on your cheek with her wand and left a dimple there," said the romantic young man. "Umph!" replied the sophisticated summer girl, "have it that way if you like, but the person who did the job was a beauty doctor, and he charged me an outrageous fee."

### Remedy for Hiccoughs.

Several cures for hiccoughs will be welcomed by many mothers. Have the patient suck a lump of sugar having a few drops of vinegar on it. Drink a glass of water upside down. That doesn't mean to stand on your head, though it certainly sounds rather like it. Hold the glass of water in one hand, lean forward and bend over the glass, tilting it away from you, and drink from the further edge.

Another remedy is to stand facing the person hiccoughing, grasp her hands firmly, look steadily at her and get her to breathe evenly, keeping time with you. Or have her hold her breath and count 60. Or take nine gulps of cold water very slowly.

### Acquiring Good Speaking Voice.

The formation of a good or a bad speaking voice is a question of habit. But in order to acquire that habit easily the child must hear nicely modulated voices about him. If your own voice is harsh or nasal your child may unconsciously imitate your mode of speaking. Or if companions talk "through the nose" he may assimilate their way of talking.

Try your best to keep your voice in the proper pitch while your children are about, and keep a watchful ear on their voices. If you hear one word spoken in a nasal twang correct it at once, so that the child will know the difference between the right and the wrong ways.

### Hard to Cure Stuttering.

A prominent physician says elocution exercises usually aggravate stuttering; he has never known hypnosis to effect a cure, and psycho-analysis used alone cannot succeed. The effective treatment is very complex and delicate, and the slightest mistake may make a cure impossible. It involves thorough study of the bodily conditions, minute regulation of home influence and business habits, relaxation of mind and body, spontaneity of expression, equilibrium of emotions, precision of thought, correction of character, development of confidence, readjustment to environment and the learning of a new method of speaking.

## "Gets-It" Never Fails for Corns!

There's Nothing on Earth Like It For Corns and Calluses.

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ends—"GETS-IT" does the rest. The old way is to bundle up your toes in harnesses and bandages, use salves that make toes raw, cotton rings that make your corns pop-eyed, knives and "diggers" that tear your heart out and leave the corn in. No wonder they make you limp and wince. Forget all these—use "GETS-IT," the simplest corn remedy in the world, easiest to use, never fails or sticks, painless. Your corn loosens, then you lift it off. You can wear smaller shoes.

"GETS-IT" is sold and recommended by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent on receipt of price, by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in New Decatur and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by Preut-Dillehay Drug Co.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of a Decretal Order of the Probate Court of the County of Morgan and State of Alabama, I, W. T. Stringer, as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of W. Morton Stringer, deceased, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at the Post Office Door in the town of Falkville in said county, during the legal hours of sale, on Monday, the 1st day of January, 1917, the following described real estate, to-wit:

House and lots Nos. 35, 36 and 37, in block one, addition one, of the town of Falkville, Alabama, and on the west side of the Louisville and Nashville railroad. Also one lot in the town of Falkville, Alabama, known as part of lots 9 and 10, constituting a strip of land fronting 82 feet on Pine street, running back one hundred twenty feet, described as beginning at a stake on the northeast corner of Oden and Strygley store lot; then running east, eighty-two feet, thence north one hundred twenty feet, thence west eighty-two feet, thence south one hundred twenty feet to point of beginning, all of said property being situated in the town of Falkville, in Morgan county, Alabama.

Terms of sale: Cash.  
W. T. STRINGER,  
Administrator with will annexed of  
the estate of W. Morton Stringer,  
deceased. D. 9-16-23

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## Canned Goods

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Spinach,  
Tomatoes,  
Soups,  
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Sour Pickles,  
Sweet Pickles,  
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Bulk Olives,  
Stuffed Olives,  
Nutt Stuffed Olives,  
Olive Relish,  
Cheeses of All Kind.

13 lbs.  
Sugar

\$1.00

## To Make Your Xmas Merry

The real Christmas spirit requires a special menu, something different from the ordinary. No other season affords such splendid opportunities for the display of the culinary art. We want to be of service to you—to help make your "table glad." So we have given more than usual attention to our stock of Holiday Specials. Our Turkeys and Christmas Poultry are here for your selection. Our fruits are the choicest products of every market the country affords. We have delicious dainties and wholesome, tasty foods, selected by expert cooks and food specialists. You will not be amiss in choosing POINTER'S for your Christmas headquarters.

## SPECIALS

Turkeys  
Cranberries  
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Extra Select Baltimore Oysters  
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## SPECIALS

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Mince Meat,  
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Canned Pineapple,  
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Grapes,  
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Raisins,  
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Citron,  
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Fruit Cake.



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You will find in all their delicious goodness at this store. Every dish you will set will be supreme in flavor and wholesomeness.

**Dressed Hens,**  
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**Spinach,**  
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**Nuts of all kinds,**  
**Turnips with tops,**  
**Curley Parsley,**  
**Grape Fruit,**

**Snap Beans,**  
**Fresh Cocoanuts,**  
**Fresh Beets,**  
**Shallots,**  
**Mustard Greens,**  
**Apples, Oranges**  
**Fancy Celery,**  
**Radishes,**  
**White Grapes,**  
**Fruit Cake**

And everything for your fruit cake. In fact we have everything for your Christmas Dinner.

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"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvia Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

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## THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success prove its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

## Getting Together

In this day and age, nothing is so beneficial in business as getting together.

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COME IN—LET'S GET TOGETHER.

**Morgan County National Bank**

ALBANY, ALABAMA.

## RAVAGES OF WHITE PLAGUE MAY BE CURBED BY CARE

The Simple Truth by Rev. Geo. Eaves, D. D., Secretary of the Alabama Anti-Tuberculosis League.

Since the gigantic discovery of Dr. Robert Koch in 1882 the world has known that tuberculosis, or consumption, is not inherited, but given by contagion or infection from persons who have the disease in an open or active form.

The reason why it seems to run in families is that families generally live close together in the same house or even in the same room. Thus the house becomes infected. Children are peculiarly susceptible, but the germ of tuberculosis does not quickly multiply even in children. It appears to hide itself in the glandular system, and may not promote active disease for several years. Many such germs are destroyed by the healthy child's tissues. And yet it is common for one consumptive death in a family to be followed, soon or later, by the death of survivors from the same disease. They were repeatedly infected, and when their resistance became lowered, perhaps by some acute sickness (fever, or a "common cold," for instance), the debilitated body became a prey to the waiting, latent tuberculosis germ.

Yet it would have been easy to avoid the infection.

ALL THE DANGER LIES IN THE MOISTURE EXHALED FROM THE CONSUMPTIVE'S LUNGS OR THE THROAT.

The spit should be burned, and the sick person should never force his wet breath in the face of another. The attendant should keep children from contact with the patient; none should kiss his lips or in any indirect way come into contact with the germ-bearing moisture.

Common sense, not panic fear, is the right and kind teacher. Of course, for his own sake, the patient should be kept in the open air as much as possible, and fed generously.

Now these are the things we want to teach to everyone. We want to encourage the formation in every vicinity, of groups or associations of the best people who will help bring these facts into every family, white or black. Apparently one in six of us will die of consumption. In some counties the proportion is one in four. Those who die of it are young men and women, between 15 and 35 years.

What a tragedy. And it is needless. It is avoidable. But only by the people knowing that salvation from consumption is in their own hands.

First—By avoiding infection, without fear or cowardice.

Second—By building up resistance and taking proper care after acute fever, etc.

We want to send a teacher or lecturer to every county, to form a hospital or sanatorium in every section of the State, to co-operate with health authorities and doctors everywhere to make tuberculosis as rare as yellow fever has become. It can be done.

Hence, we want to sell five Red Cross Seals to everyone in Alabama, or at that rate. This is more than ten times the number ever sold in a previous year. They are our only source of income. All who can must buy all they can or else the average will be disappointing. BOOST! BUY!

Tuberculosis kills approximately 5,000 persons annually in this State, one-tenth of them in Jefferson county alone. For every one who is killed there are at least five others desperately sick of the same disease.

**URGE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR ALL.**

National Observance December 6. Reasons Why Overhauling Is Necessary.

Plans for the observance of National Medical Examination Day on December 6 have been announced. The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, together with other organizations, is advocating an annual medical examination for every person, sick or well, and December 6 has been set aside as one of the feature days of tuberculosis week, December 3 to 10.

All tuberculosis associations, state and local boards of health, women's clubs and other societies are co-operating to interest everyone possible in the subject of at least one medical examination a year, preferably on this special day. Physicians will make special arrangements to devote December 6 to medical examinations, and clinics and dispensaries will prepare to receive those who cannot afford to pay a physician.

Some of the reasons why the human machine should be inspected at least annually, as given in a free pamphlet on "Periodic Medical Examination," and this will be supplied to any editor, minister, doctor or citizen who will write to the Alabama Anti-Tuberculosis League, Birmingham, Ala.

### LIGHT USED FOR FISH BAIT

Tiny Celluloid Minnow Containing Electric Flash Attracts Bass—Invention Is Practical.

An inventive fisherman noticed that the stomachs of such game fish as bass often contain glow worms and other phosphorescent insects. He devised a tiny celluloid minnow which contains a miniature electric light, having its current supplied from a fine copper wire attached to the fish line. A contact button on the fishing rod flashes the lamp intermittently just as the glow worm's light is brightened and diminished by the creature's movements. It is said that the invention is thoroughly practical and has made some fine catches of fish for its owner.

## PRESIDENT'S PEACE PROPOSAL CAUSES

(Continued from Page One.)

look nothing that will tend to bring the war to a close.

The American note was cabled to Walter H. Page, the United States ambassador, on Tuesday, and it is expected a reply will be made promptly.

The work of preparing the joint note to Germany is under way and there is a strong probability that it will be in Berlin before Christmas day. The note to Germany will likely be brief, but like the speech of Lloyd George, will leave the way open for Germany to make new peace representations by naming her terms.

Significance is attached to a Reuter telegram from Zurich stating that full powers to conduct peace negotiations without further consultation have been granted to Dr. Von Bethmann-Holwegg, the German chancellor, question up to the chancellor and Emperor William.

### WILSON WELL PLEASED WITH PEACE OUTLOOK

(International News Service.) Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson will mark time until he sees how his peace suggestion to the belligerents of Europe is received.

Meanwhile American diplomatic representatives in neutral capitals will be hard at work in the effort to live up to the neutrals of the world behind the president's plan for peace.

It is known that President Wilson already has sounded out some of the principal neutrals, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries are earnestly in favor of the administration's plan. However, indications here are that Russia and France will form the real opposition to the peace proposal.

The administration is relying to a great extent on Great Britain's influence to win over her principal allies to a different viewpoint.

Taking all into consideration, the prospects looked up good today. It was reiterated in official quarters here that Germany, as shown by International News Service dispatches of the past 48 hours, is willing to make large concessions to bring about a peace conference.

### GERMAN PRESS SEES NO SIGNS OF PEACE NOW

(International News Service.) Berlin, Dec. 21.—The tone of the German press on peace possibilities was even more pessimistic today than yesterday. The most significant opinion was "we have now learned that our enemies do not want peace but war to the knife, so we must abandon all considerations and grasp all means of war at our disposal."

The probability of the first burst of submarine warfare is seen in the comment of Count Reventlow, naval critic. In treating on that part of Lloyd George's speech, he said: "Conditions were different a century ago and above all there were no submarines."

**Text of Note.** Washington, Dec. 21.—The notes to the belligerents are prefaced with this instruction by Secretary Lansing to the American ambassadors presenting them:

"The president directs me to send you the following communication to be presented immediately to the minister of foreign affairs of the government to which you are accredited."

The texts of the notes themselves then begin identically as follows:

"The president of the United States has instructed me to suggest to you (there is inserted a designation of the government addressed) a course of action with regard to the present war, which he hopes that the government will take under consideration, as suggested in most friendly spirit as coming not only from a friend, but also as coming from the representative of a neutral nation whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue."

At this point the texts vary. **The Central Powers.** In the notes to the central powers this paragraph follows next:

"The suggestion which I am instructed to make, the president has long had in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time because it may now seem to have been prompted by a desire to play a part in connection with the recent overtures of the central powers. It has, in fact, been in no way suggested by them in its origin and the president would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been independently answered, but for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same

goal that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

**To the Entente Allies.**

In the note to the entente allies the following paragraph takes the place of the one just quoted:

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**The Text Identical.**

Then all the notes proceed identically as follows:

"The president suggests that at an early occasion he sought to call out from all the nations now at war a review of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal, or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future, as would make it possible frankly to compare them. He is in different as to the means taken to accomplish this. He would be happy himself to serve, or even to take the initiative in its accomplishment. In any way that might prove acceptable but he has no desire to determine the method or the instrumentality. On any will he as acceptable to him as any other if only the great object he has in mind be attained.

**Objects Are the Same.**

"He takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the object which the statesmen of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world. Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small states as secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war. Each wishes itself to be made secure in the future along with all other nations and peoples, against the recurrence of war like this and against aggression or selfish interference of any kind. Each would be jealous of the formation of any more rival leagues to preserve an uncertain balance of power amidst multiplying suspicions; but each is ready to consider the formation of a league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world. Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary first to settle the issues of the present war upon terms which will certainly safeguard the independence, the territorial integrity and the political and commercial freedom of the nations involved.

**America Viciously Interested.**

"In the measure to be taken to secure the future peace of the world the people and governments of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the governments now at war. Their interest, moreover, is the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker people of the world of the peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or government. They stand ready, and ever eager, to co-operate in the accomplishment of these ends when the war is over with every influence and resource at their command. But the war must first be concluded. The terms upon which it is to be concluded they are not at liberty to suggest; but the president does feel that it is his right and his duty to point out their intimate interest in its conclusion lest it should presently be too late to accomplish the greater things which lie beyond its conclusion, lest the situation of neutral nations, now exceedingly hard to endure, be rendered altogether intolerable and lest, more than all, an injury be done civilization itself which can never be atoned for or repaired.

**Sees Justification.** "The president, therefore, feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world, which all desire and in which the neutral nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsible part. If the contest must continue to proceed toward undefined ends by slow attrition until the one group of belligerents or the other is exhausted, if million after million of human lives must continue to be offered until on the one side or the other there are no more to offer, if resentments must be kindled that can never cool and despairs engendered in which there can be no recovery, hopes of peace and of the willing consent of free peoples will be rendered vain and idle.

"The life of the entire world has

of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented contest of arms. No nation in the civilized world can be said in truth to stand outside its influence or to be safe against its disturbing effects. And yet, the concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated.

**Wants Definite Terms.**

"The leaders of the several belligerents have, as has been said, stated those objects in general terms. But, stated in general terms, they seem the same on both sides. Never yet have the authoritative spokesmen of either side avowed the precise objects which would, if attained, satisfy them and their people that the war had been fought out. The world has been left to conjecture what definite results what actual exchange of guarantees, what political or territorial changes or readjustments, what stage of military success, even, would bring the war to an end.

"It may be that peace is nearer than we know; that the terms which the belligerents on the one side and on the other would deem it necessary to insist upon are not so irreconcilable as some have feared; that an interchange of views would clear the way at least for conference and make the permanent concord of the nations a hope of the immediate future, a concert of nations immediately practicable.

**Not Proposing Peace.**

"The president is not proposing peace, he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn the neutral nations with the belligerent, how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

By virtue of two writs of fieri facias issued out of the Clerk's office of the Law and Equity Court of Morgan County, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against O. B. Cartwright, B. P. Cartwright and T. L. Cartwright, out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said defendants, I have levied on the following property, to-wit:

Two sections wall cases, 30-feet each; one prescription partition; six counters and show cases; two cigar cases; one tobacco wall case; one ash register; one hot soda urn; one Remington typewriter; one electric arborator; one 2-horsepower electric motor; one iron safe; four electric ceiling fans; one candy case; four tables and 12 chairs.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants, in and to the above-described property, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of January, 1917, during the legal hours of sale, at the J. B. Cartwright Drug Store, on Bank street, in the city of Decatur, Ala.

Dated at Decatur, Ala., this 20th day of December, 1916.

JAMES A. FORMAN,  
Sheriff Morgan County, Ala.  
By J. L. DRAPER, D. S.



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**Letter Tells of Long-looked-for Prescription.**  
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MRS. M. J. SARGENT.

**Note:** You've all undoubtedly heard of the famous Dr. Pierce's and his well-known medicines. Well, this prescription is one that has been successfully used for many years by the physicians and specialists at Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., for kidney complaints, and diseases arising from disorders of the kidneys and bladder, such as backache, weak back, rheumatism, dropsy, congestion of the kidneys, inflammation of the bladder, scalding urine, and urinary troubles.

Up to this time, "Anurie" has not been on sale to the public, but by the increased demand for this wonderful medicine, Doctor Pierce has finally decided to put it into the drug stores of his country within immediate reach of all sufferers.

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## DEATH COMES TO A. G. BETHARD

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF DECATUR  
DIES FOLLOWING ATTACK OF  
PARALYSIS.

A. G. Bethard, prominent in political and fraternal circles of the county and state, and one of Decatur's most highly esteemed citizens, died Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at his home on Oak street, following an illness of several days. He was stricken with paralysis last week, and never recovered, despite the tender ministrations of physicians and loved ones.

At the bedside when the end came were the three children, Miss Mamie J. Bethard, of Decatur, and Miss Alice G. Bethard and William R. Bethard, of Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Bethard was born in Ohio on October 17, 1840, and resided in that state until January, 1887. He had been a resident of Decatur for nearly thirty years, and was closely identified with the development of the city. For many years he engaged in the planing mill and lumber business, but five years ago retired from active commercial life.

A member of the I. O. O. F. and the Red Men, Mr. Bethard attained unusual distinction in a fraternal way, and held all the state offices within the gift of the Odd Fellows. He traveled much over Alabama in the interest of his lodge work, and had an unusually wide acquaintance. When the war broke out Mr. Bethard enlisted with Company E, Sixty-sixth Ohio infantry, and saw active service at the front until disabled by a wound. He was a member of the local post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Bethard was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Decatur, from which the funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Dr. W. N. Sholl, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Dr. Stevenson, pastor of the First Methodist church. The interment will be at City cemetery.

The honorary pallbearers follow: Chas. Bassett, W. H. Brooks, W. T. Rowden, W. B. Gillespie, J. T. Newell, John D. Wyker, George Young, J. W. Johnson.

The active pallbearers will be selected from among the Odd Fellows and Red Men.

**Calling Cards**—The last word in correct stationery can be obtained from the Daily. Look our line over.

## INCORRECT SPEECH USED AT INSTITUTE, IS DECLARATION OF MRS. A. REYNOLDS

ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER  
SURPRISES HEARERS AT  
TEACHERS' MEETING.

### TOOK NOTES ON MEETING

RESULT OF OBSERVATIONS ARE  
RELATED IN AN ADDRESS  
THIS MORNING.

One of the features of the Morgan County Teachers' Institute, in session at the Decatur school, was an address by Mrs. Anna Reynolds, teacher of English in the Albany high school, today. Mrs. Reynolds surprised her hearers by reciting a number of incorrect usages of English she had heard since the Institute opened.

She declared habit was so strong that even teachers, when they appear in the Institutes, often use incorrect speech. She took notes on yesterday's session and this morning related the result of her observation.

The Wednesday afternoon session opened with an address on Reading Circle work by Miss Burke, general secretary Alabama Teachers' Reading Circle. Miss Burke's talk was a real inspiration to the teachers to better equip themselves for their professional duties. She argued the advantages of an organization for this country to carry on the work.

At a later session Miss Burke gave a comprehensive discussion of the status of public school libraries in this state. Her remarks brought out the fact that, though the state was making a liberal offer to every rural school toward securing a library, few schools had taken advantage of the offer.

**Departmental Sessions.**  
Primary—Miss Lula Bradford, of Birmingham, conducted the work of this department, taking up the subject of reading in the primary grades. The time was devoted to a discussion of the methods practiced in various schools, and offering helpful suggestions to teachers toward improving

their methods of teaching this subject.

Miss Bradford is an expert in the teaching of primary grades, and will give the teachers many valuable suggestions during the course of the week.

**Intermediate Grades.**  
R. E. Ledbetter led the discussion in this department. Mr. Ledbetter took up the subject of spelling, treating it from the points of its relative value and special methods of teaching the subject.

**High School.**  
English was the subject for discussion at this meeting. C. C. Edmonson discussed the subject, "Men-

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**Reception by Decatur Faculty.**  
Immediately after adjournment the visiting teachers were tendered an informal reception by the Decatur faculty. Refreshments were served, while the teachers enjoyed a "get ac-

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### Meeting of Council in Decatur is Postponed

The regular meeting of the Decatur city council, scheduled to be held tonight, has been postponed, Mayor Jas. A. Nelson announced today. "There is no important business to be transacted and the members of the council are very busy with the Christmas rush. For that reason, we decided to postpone the meeting until next week."

The wedding season is here. Buy your engraved wedding invitations printed or engraved. The Daily.

### Canada Backs up the British Premier

(International News Service.)  
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 21.—Premier Robt. Borden has sent a message to Lloyd George pledging to him "all the human energy and natural resources of the Dominion" toward the continued prosecution of the war. The message was in reply to a statement made to the Canadian people by the new premier.

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